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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Agenda item 112: Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (*continued*)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62: Ensuring effective secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/7/Add.24; A/C.5/57/32)

1. **Mr. Sach** (Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division) said that the main elements arising from adoption of the draft resolution by the Second Committee were that there should be a new support structure to ensure effective follow-up to the Conference, to be established, beginning in 2003, within existing resources, and that the Secretary-General should seek voluntary contributions. The additional estimate for staff resources was for 14 posts at the Professional level and above and 5 General Service posts, of which 13 would be made available by internal redeployment within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Of the remaining posts, five would be financed for 2003 on an ad hoc basis from extrabudgetary resources, while the post of chief was proposed for establishment at the D-2 level under the regular budget, also beginning in 2003. There would be additional expenditures of $203,200 under the programme budget for the current biennium, and follow-up proposals would be made in the budget for the next biennium. It was intended to seek funding on a temporary basis from the trust fund for the five extrabudgetary posts. The requirement for a provision of $203,200 for 2003 would be subject to the provisions governing the use and operation of the contingency fund, and would require an appropriation under section 9.

2. **Mr. Mselle** (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the report of the Advisory Committee on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62 (A/57/7/Add.24), said that the newly established Financing for Development Office would require staff resources consisting of 19 posts: 14 Professional and 5 General Service. Of those, 13 regular budget posts would be redeployed from within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in addition to which six new posts, to be proposed for additional funding from the regular budget would be required. The Secretary-General was requesting the establishment of a D-2 post to head the office, starting in 2003.

3. The Advisory Committee had no objection to the proposal that the Office should be headed by an official at the D-2 level, and recommended that the Secretary-General should proceed to fill the position at that level. As there were currently 10 posts at the D-2 level in the Department, the Advisory Committee would revert to the matter in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005, taking into account the review referred to in the Secretary-General's report on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/57/85, para. 9) and information provided on the restructuring of the Department.

4. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62, additional expenditures of $203,200 would arise under the programme budget for 2002-2003, to be treated in accordance with the provisions governing the use and operation of the contingency fund.

5. **The Chairman** said that the matter would be referred to informal consultations.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.